

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

September 25, 2000  
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Municipal Building

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; TONI NELSON; DAN CLAWSON;  
KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; KING PARKER; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE  
ABSENT COUNCILMAN DON PERSSON. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer;  
LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City  
Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator;  
BETTY NOKES, Economic Development Director; JIM SHEPHERD,  
Community Services Administrator; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO;  
CHIEF LEE WHEELER, Fire Department; DEPUTY CHIEF GLEN  
GORDON, Fire Department; CHARLES ANDREWS, Fire Inspector III;  
BONNIE RERECICH, Recreation Supervisor.

**APPROVAL OF  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL  
APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2000, AS PRESENTED.  
CARRIED.

**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATIONS**

Fire: WA Insurance Council's  
Arson Alarm Foundation  
Award

Fire Chief Lee Wheeler explained that the Washington Insurance Council's Arson Alarm Foundation award would be presented tonight and asked Fire Inspector Charles Andrews and Deputy Fire Chief Glen Gordon to assist him in the presentation. Mr. Andrews described an incident that occurred at Ron Regis park in June of 1998, where a contractor's equipment had been repeatedly vandalized by gunfire and a fire was set which destroyed several vehicles. The Fire Department investigated the arson but the leads ran out and the case became inactive. Fortunately, in 1999, witnesses came forward with information that led to the arrest and conviction of the arsonist.

Deputy Fire Chief Gordon introduced George Eastman, Vice President of the Washington Insurance Council's Arson Alarm Foundation. Mr. Eastman presented the award to the Fire Department which in turn will present the award to the witnesses who wish to remain anonymous. Fire Chief Wheeler accepted the award on behalf of the witnesses, thanking the Arson Alarm Foundation for its support and commending citizens who step forward to assist the Fire Department in solving these cases.

Parks: Employee Recycling  
Program

Jim Shepherd, Community Services Administrator, advised that proceeds raised through the Employee Recycling Program are used to provide equipment and uniforms to athletes with special needs throughout the State of Washington. He reported that Renton's Community Services Department Special Recreation Program has received \$4,909.95 in equipment and uniforms over the past two years. Nick Nicholson, President of the Board of Trustees for the Employee Recycling Program, presented the City with a certificate of appreciation and thanked those who work in City Hall for recycling their aluminum cans.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in

Planning: Commercial Office  
Residential 2 Zone Moratorium

accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing, continued from September 18, 2000, to consider declaring a moratorium on the permitting of development and acceptance of development applications in the Center Office Residential 2 (COR-2) zone.

City Attorney Larry Warren reported that negotiations regarding the property transaction are still underway and recommended that the public hearing be continued until October 9, 2000.

Public comment was invited. There being none, it was MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING UNTIL OCTOBER 9, 2000. CARRIED.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2000 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ As part of Renton's Centennial Celebration, a 2001 edition of the Community Calendar is being produced. The free calendar will be distributed to all Renton residents in mid-December as an insert in the *Renton Reporter* and additional copies will be available at public facilities throughout the community.
- ✱ A recent addition to the City's website allows current Renton public library cardholders to search the library catalog on-line at [www.ci.renton.wa.us](http://www.ci.renton.wa.us). The on-line service also allows users to place a hold on a book from the convenience of their home.
- ✱ A revised City ordinance now requires alarm owners to register their alarm with the Police Department by either downloading a registration form from the City's website at [www.ci.renton.wa.us](http://www.ci.renton.wa.us) or by calling (425) 430-7560 and requesting a form.

## CONSENT AGENDA

CAG: 00-134, N Renton Sewer  
Replacement, Gary Merlino  
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Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

City Clerk reported bid opening on 9/19/00 for CAG-00-134, North Renton Sewer Replacement Project Phase I; 12 bids; engineer's estimate \$365,948.33; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Gary Merlino Construction Company, in the amount of \$351,688.07. Council concur.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment: Browne –  
Public Transit in Kenndale  
Neighborhood, Sound Transit  
Route 560

Correspondence was read from Kim Browne, President of Kenndale Neighborhood Association, 1211 N. 28th Pl., Renton, 98056, commending the Mayor, Council, Transportation Systems Director Sandra Meyer, Civil Engineer III Stephen Rolle, and Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman for lobbying for the inclusion of Route 560 Sound Transit express bus stop at I-405 and N. 30th St.

Councilman Clawson reported that he rode the aforementioned bus to work last Friday saying it was a very quiet and pleasant experience and he encouraged citizens to take advantage of the public transit system.

## OLD BUSINESS Community Services

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the Mayor's appointment of Troy Wigstrand to an unexpired

**Committee**

Appointment: Park Board

term on the Park Board. The unexpired four-year term expires June 1, 2004. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

EDNSP: Neighborhood  
Program Expansion

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending approval to expand the Neighborhood Program. The expansion includes a three-year, full-time limited term position (estimated at a grade 12 position), an improved grant program, additional support for neighborhood picnics, and an aggressive outreach program. This includes a budget increase of approximately \$75,520, which will be incorporated into the 2001 budget. This recommendation also includes the adoption of the definition of a neighborhood picnic as follows:

**Purpose:**

A neighborhood activity that is an opportunity for neighbors who reside in a specifically defined neighborhood to gather together to honor the uniqueness and accomplishments of their neighborhood. It is a vehicle for neighbors to get together to network and discuss neighborhood ideas, issues and concerns unique to the neighborhood, and to get to know each other.

**Elements:**

The planning of a neighborhood picnic requires the coming together of neighborhood residents to plan and coordinate a "family picnic" exclusively for families and friends who reside in the neighborhood. It is a vehicle to promote a healthy, vibrant and self-reliant neighborhood. When planning a neighborhood picnic, the planning group needs to coordinate:

1. Promotion of the picnic to the immediate neighborhood.
2. Locating a central location for the picnic within the neighborhood.
3. Food to be served concentrating on the concept of potluck.
4. Games and activities.
5. Figuring of expenses.
6. Solicit volunteers.

Note: Music, entertainment and door prizes are not assumed to be elements of a neighborhood picnic.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Utilities Committee**

Utility: King County Solid  
Waste Management Plan

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report regarding the Draft 2000 King County Solid Waste Management Plan. The Utilities Committee recommended that a letter be sent to King County Executive Ron Sims addressing the City of Renton's issues and recommendations for the Draft 2000 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

Councilman Clawson offered several options with regard to how the above-referenced letter could be signed, noting that the deadline for submission is September 29, 2000. Mayor Tanner reminded Council that the Utilities Committee does not speak for the City and asked City Attorney Larry Warren to comment on the matter.

Citing the Revised Code of Washington, City Attorney Warren explained that the Mayor is the official and ceremonial head of the City and is the spokesperson for

the City. The Council is the policy-making body for the City and can speak for itself as the legislative body of the City. He indicated that the Council can write the letter to the King County Executive representing the Renton City Council or it can pass a resolution adopting this position as the City Council. Mr. Warren noted that the Council cannot direct the Mayor to sign the letter for them.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL AUTHORIZE A LETTER TO BE SENT BY THE COUNCIL TO KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE RON SIMS ADDRESSING ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DRAFT 2000 COMPREHENSIVE SOLID WASTE PLAN.\*

Responding to Council President Corman's inquiry regarding the wording of the letter, Mayor Tanner said that he does not have a problem with the letter as it stands, but expressed concern about the way the letter was presented to him. Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler explained that the intent of having different options with regard to the signatures was because the comments need to be submitted by September 29, 2000. Drafting the letter as such was an attempt to make sure the information was available before the end of the comment period.

Discussion ensued regarding how the letter should be worded and who should sign the letter.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL AMEND THE MOTION TO HAVE BOTH THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND THE MAYOR SIGN THE LETTER AND MODIFY THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE LETTER TO SAY: THE CITY OF RENTON OFFERS THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS FOR YOUR REVIEW. CARRIED.

\*MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.

Utility: Stoneway Concrete  
Plan Regulated Substances  
Removal, AnMarCo &  
Stoneway Concrete

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report regarding the removal of regulated substances from the Stoneway Concrete Batch Plant Site. In the interest of protecting the City's sole source aquifer and avoiding litigation, the City and AnMarCo have negotiated a relocation agreement for the Stoneway Concrete Batch Plant. This agreement facilitates the relocation of the Stoneway Concrete Batch Plant by October 2002 as required per the Aquifer Protection Ordinance.

The Utilities Committee recommended that Council approve the agreement regarding removal of regulated substances from the Stoneway Concrete Batch Plant Site. The Committee further recommended that Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

#### **Finance Committee**

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claims Vouchers 185649 – 186024 and one wire transfer, totaling \$3,406,701.38; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 27733 – 27984 and 534 direct deposits totaling, \$993,178.89. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

#### **Transportation Committee**

Transportation: Shuttle  
Express – SeaTac Airport

Transportation Committee Vice-Chair Clawson presented a report regarding the Shuttle Express – SeaTac Airport HOV operations. The Transportation Committee recommended that Council send a letter to the Port of Seattle

## HOV Operations

Commission formally expressing a concern over changes that may have impacts to high-occupancy vehicle modes of transportation. It was further recommended that this letter make the Commission aware that other airports around the nation are able to accommodate commercial van and bus customers by allowing customer drop offs and pickups directly in front of the ticketing/luggage facilities, and that this is an important factor in reducing single-occupant vehicle trips to and from SeaTac Airport. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS****Resolution #3468**

Human Services: Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Application

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing application for funding assistance for a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant to the Bureau of Justice. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

**Ordinance #4863**

Franchise: McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Fiber Optic System

An ordinance was read granting unto McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., an Iowa Corporation, its successors and assigns, the right, privilege, authority and franchise to install fiber optics cable underground together with appurtenances thereto, upon, over, under, along, and across the streets, avenues and alleys of the City of Renton for the purpose of installing infrastructure to operate as a broadband digital communication provider and carrier utilizing switching and fiber optic facilities. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council: Resignation Announcement (Schlitzer)

Correspondence was read from Councilman Timothy Schlitzer resigning his position on the Renton City Council, effective September 30, 2000. In the letter, Councilman Schlitzer explained that due to family health issues he is unable to commit the necessary time to do the job as a councilmember. Mr. Schlitzer thanked the citizens of Renton for electing him to office, and thanked members of the Council and City staff for their continued support and personal dedication to the City of Renton.

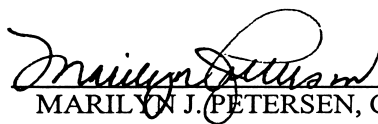
MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL DECLARE THIS VACANCY EFFECTIVE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2000, AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO WORK WITH THE COUNCIL LIAISON AND THE CITY CLERK TO ESTABLISH A TIMELINE AND A PROCESS TO PRESENT TO FULL COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 2, 2000. CARRIED.

Expressing their surprise and regret at the news of Councilman Schlitzer's resignation, the Mayor and Councilmembers extended their best wishes to Mr. Schlitzer and thanked him for his many years of hard work.

At the request of the Council, City Clerk Marilyn Petersen reviewed the City's policy regarding filling council vacancies.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:40 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marilyn J. Petersen", is written over a horizontal line.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann  
September 25, 2000